months a few cases pertaining to the smuggling out of enriched Uranium have come to light and some persons were arrested in this connection;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the arrests reveal that some neighbouring country is trying to engineer such smuggling for their own plants,

(d) if so, what are the details of the information gathered; and

(e) what is the number of persons, including the officials arrested in this connection and the organisations to which they belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. They are responsible for enforcing laws relating to offences committed by individuals including smuggling of uranium. The information regarding the type of incidents referred to is not collected by the Central agencies.

**Central Tax Collection from Orissa**

2506. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total revenue collection from Orissa during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 under each Central tax; and

(b) what is the amount under each tax returned back to Orissa during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total revenue collected from Orissa State during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 under each Central tax is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Income tax (including Corporation Tax) | Expenditure Tax | Wealth Tax | Gift Tax | Central Excise | Customs Duty |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1986-87 . . . | 36.00 | .. | 0.50 | 0.035 | 173.69 | 50.00 |
| 1987-88 . . . | 45.00 | 0.04 | 0.27 | 0.03 | 183.73 | 54.00 |

(b) Amount paid to Orissa State as its Share of Central Taxes and duties during 1986-87 and 1987-88 is Rs. 374.98 crores and Rs. 482.14 crores respectively.

**Seizure of classified documents pertaining to Indian army**

2507. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Indian Post" Bombay, dated the 29th October, 1988 to the effect that the C.B.I. during its raids at the official and residential premises of Mr. Khanna, a Delhi arms agent, seized several classified documents relating to Indian Army and defence equipment;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incriminating documents seized; and

(c) whether any inquiry has since

been conducted into the matter and if so, what action Government have taken on the basis of the Inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, *PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS* AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case has been registered by the CBI against Lt. General (Retd.) Nirmal Puri and Shri Vinod Kumar Khanna, Chairman, Concord International (P) Ltd. New Delhi for offence u/s 120-B IPC read with Section 3/5 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 and substantive offences u/s 3/5 of the official Secrets Act, 1923 for conspiracy to obtain/possess secret unpublished official information relating to procurement/use of arms and equipment in Indian Army during the period 1984-87.

(c) The investigation of the case is in progress.

**Nationalisation of scheduled banks**

2508. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to nationalise some more scheduled banks in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

**Arrests of a retired Brigadier and a scientist**

2509. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a retired Brigadier of the Indian Army and a Government scientist have recently been arrested for their involvement in selling defence secrets to certain foreign countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating their modus operandi, the nature of their espionage activities and their contacts, if any, identified within and outside the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Brig. R.S. Diol (promoted ad-hoc as Major General in March, 1988 and retired on 30.6.1988) and Dr. N.W. Nerurkar, Adviser in the Department of Electronics were arrested by the C.B.I. on 10th & 11th November respectively under Official Secrets Act, 1923 for obtaining/possessing and communicating official secret document/information pertaining to the defence of the country to unauthorised persons/parties for being sent abroad.

(b) The cases are under investigation.

**Export of iron ore**

2510. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that precious raw material in the form of iron ore is being exported every year